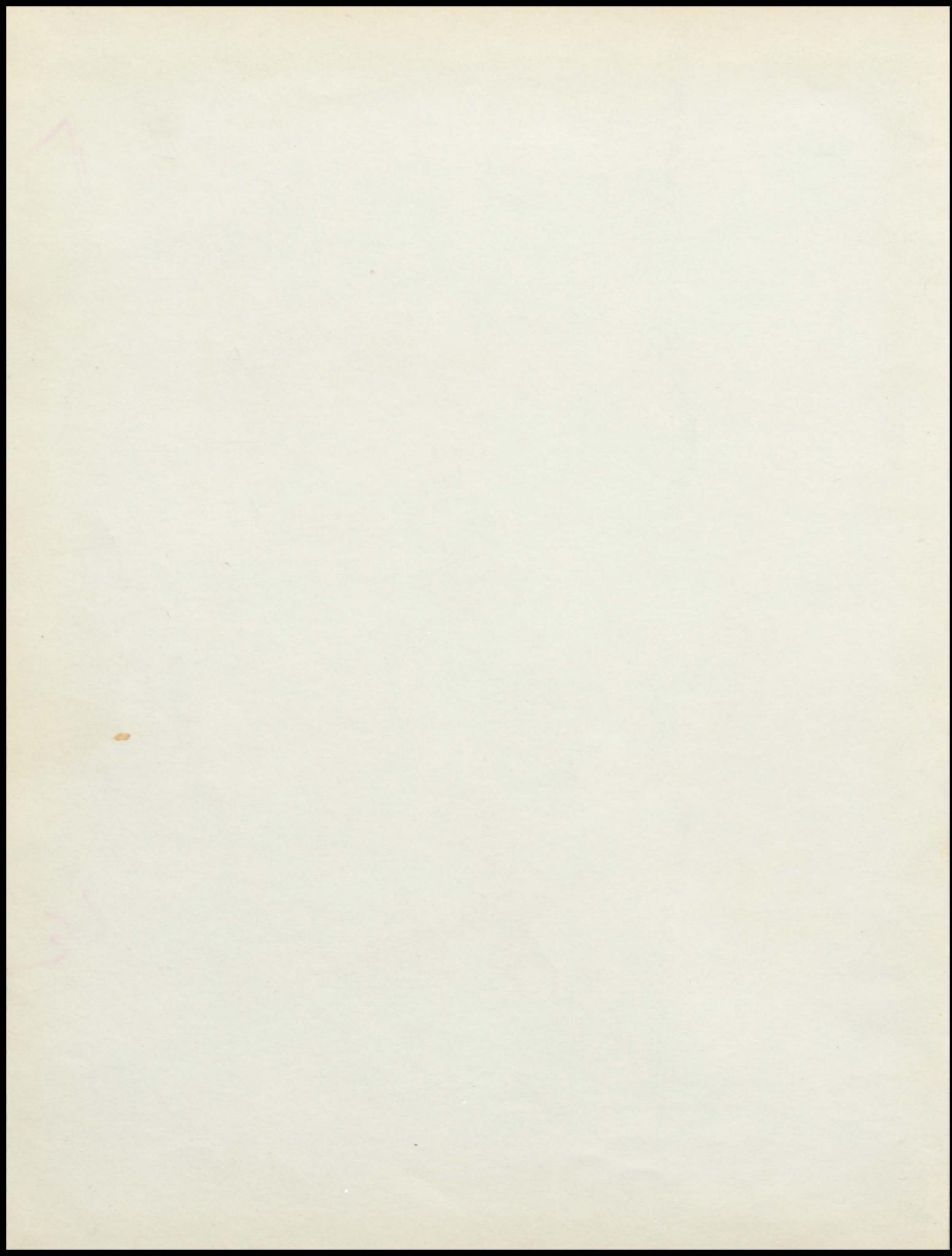




VINCENTIAN









the *Vincentian*
1956



In introducing the various aspects of Christian education at St. Vincent's and in acquainting you with the workshops in which the students are developed spiritually, intellectually, and socially, we present Reflections of Christian Womanhood.

Dedication



We, the Vincentian staff of 1956, do lovingly dedicate this book to Father Kevin Nowlan, S.J., our beloved Chaplain.

His years at St. Vincent's have been devoted to the molding of Christian girls into Christian women. He has unceasingly aided us in imitation of the Blessed Mother, ever placing before us the goals of Christian education.

Contents



Here are mirrored all the reflections of the Christian woman—intellectually, spiritually, and socially complete. The minds of the students are developed with the mind of the Church; their souls are tuned to the voice of God and His Mother; their bodies are engaged in wholesome activities; their hearts are happy in Christian social life.

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MOTHER CLARISSA, D. C.
Superior General
of the
Daughters of the Cross



SISTER CORNELIA, D. C.
Principal
St. Vincent's Academy



SISTER HELEN MARIE, D. C.
Assistant Principal



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Bernardine



Sister
Dorothea



Sister
Agnes Ruth



Sister
Miriam



Sister
Laurentia



Sister
Mary Ann



Sister
Rose Marie



Mrs. Caughey

Our beloved sisters, the Daughters of the Cross, and our devoted lay teachers serve as the hands of God as they direct and mold their students in perfect reflection of Christian Womanhood and perfect imitation of Mary. The forceful influence of our teachers is far reaching. As each student completes her education, she takes with her the invaluable heritage of the many Christian women the Daughters of the Cross have given to the world.



Miss Daly



Miss Phillips



Mrs. Pratt

C L A S S E S



This is the molding place of intellectually and morally whole Christian women. Students, in the care of skilled and devoted teachers, are trained to think with the Church and are formed in Her standards. The results of this education is informed Christian Girls —perfect reflection of Christian Womanhood.

Seniors



OFFICERS

President	Patsy Nackley
Vice-president	Theresa Landers
Secretary	Veronica Porteous
Treasurer	Donna Jones

COLORS

Gold and White

PATRONESS

Mother of Love

FLOWER

Yellow Rose

MOTTO

Love Conquers All



JANE APPLEBY — 5 years

Sodality '56; Journalism '54-'55; Latin Club '54; RKL '53, '55, '56; Pageant '56; Outstanding Citizen '55.

ANN BOHAN — 4 years

Sodality '56; Baseball '55; Choir '54; Christmas Short Story Contest '55; Mardi Gras Court '53; SVA-SJ Popular Couple Contest '56; Pageant '56; Centennial Choir '56; TAP Representative '56; Marching Squad '56.



LORETTA ANN CAPLIS — 13 years

Class Ofifce: Treasurer '54; Sodality '55-'56; Moderator '56; Choir '53-'56 SSCA '55; NCYC '56; Girls' State Alternate; St. John's Homecoming Court '54; Centennial Choir '56; Pageant '53-'56.



NORMA CARDENAS — 2 years
Pageant '54-'55.





YOLANDA CARDONA—2 years

Sodality '56; Boarding Secretary-Treasurer '56; Choir '56; Red Cross '56; Pageant '55-'56; Centennial Choir '56



KATHLEEN CONLEY—11 years

Sodality '54, '56; RKL '56; Pageant '56



EMMA IRENE CROFTON—6 years

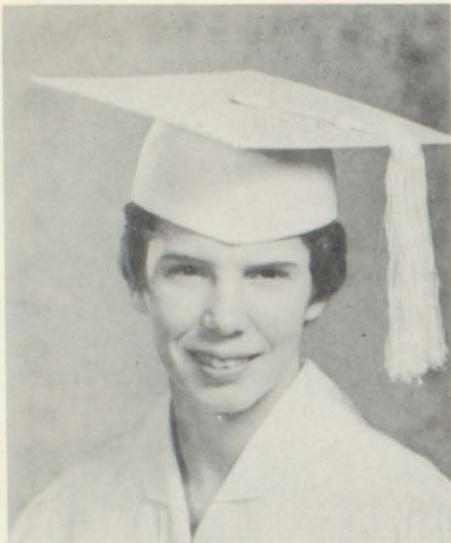
Class Office: Counselor '53; Sodality Candidate '53; Sodality Convention '53; RKL '53-'56: Treasurer '56; Pageant '53; Outstanding Citizen '54



ANN THERESA DEFATTA—

10½ years

Softball '53-'55; Captain '55; Basketball '53-'56; Choir '53-'56; Red Cross '55; CD of A Contest '53: 2nd place in State; Centennial Choir



JUDY DOZIER—9 years

Sodality '53-'54; Basketball '53-'56;
Baseball '53-'55; Volleyball '54; Debate
'53; Choir '56; Centennial Choir '56;
Pageant '54, '56



SUSAN ECHOLS—1 year

Shreveport Science Club; Other schools
attended: Roswell High School, Roswell,
New Mexico; Austin High School, El
Paso, Texas



ZINA ALEXANDRA HENGY—

10 years
Sodality '54-'56; Debate '54; 1st place
Northwestern Debate Tournament



PAULINE HOUSER—4 years

Sodality '56; Choir '56; Pageant '56;
Marching Squad '56; Centennial Choir
'56; Snow Carnival Princess '55.



DONNA LORETTA JONES — 11 years

Class Offices: Treasurer '55-'56; Sodality '53-'56; Moderator '56, Co-editor of Queen's Work '56; Student Council '56; Journalism '54-'56; Flammette business manager '56; RKL '53, '55; Pageant '53-'56; Vincentian Staff '54-'56; Business manager '55-'56; SSCA Delegate '55; Centennial Choir '56; Marching Squad '56.



HELEN JEANNETTE KING — 7 years

RKL '53-'56; Pageant '54; Centennial Choir '56.



NANETTE KING — 10 years

Softball '54; Choir '53; Red Cross '53; Pageant '53; Centennial Choir '56.



FRANCES LACHLE — 3 years

Class Offices: Sergeant at Arms '54; Sodality '54-'56; Journalism '55-'56; Assistant Flammette Art Editor '55; Art Editor '56; Pageant '54-'56; Outstanding Citizen '55, '56; Centennial Choir '56.



MARY THERESA LANDERS —
12 years

Class Offices: Vice-president '56; Sodality '53-'56; Moderator '56; Student Council '56; Journalism '54-'56; Flammette News Editor '56; RKL '54-'55; Red Cross '53; Vincentian Staff '54-'56; Assistant Class Editor '55; Feature Editor '56; Pageant '53-'56; Centennial Choir '56; SSCA Delegate '55; Marching Squad '56.



DORIS ELIZABETH McGEE — 3 years
Sodality '56; RKL '56; Outstanding Citizen '55-'56.



PAULA LYNN MARTIN — 13 years
Class Office: Counsellor '54; Sodality '53-'56; Apostolic Committee Chairman '55; Vice-prefect '56; Student Council '56; Debate '53-'56; Treasurer '55; President '56; Vincentian Staff '55; Centennial Choir '56; Class Favorite '54; Pelican Girls State Alternate; NHS '55-'56.



ANNA ROSE MESSINA — 7 years
Sodality '53-'56; Journalism '54-'55; Choir '53; RKL '53-'56; LTLA Convention '54; Pageant '54; Centennial Choir '56.



GAIL MARIE MONSOUR — 12 years

Journalism '54; RKL '54-'56;
Pageant '55.



PATRICIA ANN NACKLEY —
12 years

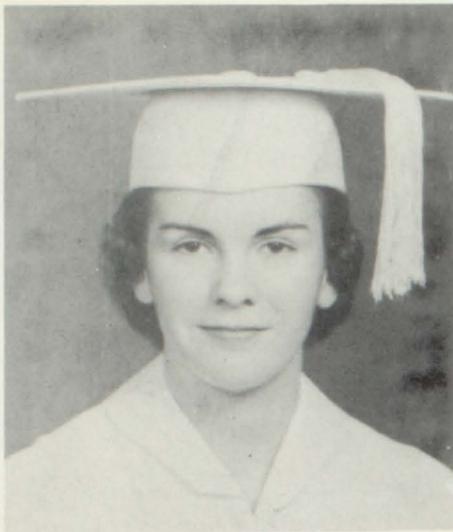
Class Offices: Treasurer '53, President '55-'56; Sodality '53-'56; Moderator '56; Student Council '55-'56; Debate '53; Journalism '54-'56; Flammette Co-editor '56; RKL '53-'56; Red Cross '54; Vincentian '55-'56; Co-editor '56; Pageant '53-'56; Centennial Choir '56; SSCA '55; NCYC '56; Class Favorite '55-'56; NHS '56; Outstanding Citizen '54; Marching Squad '56.



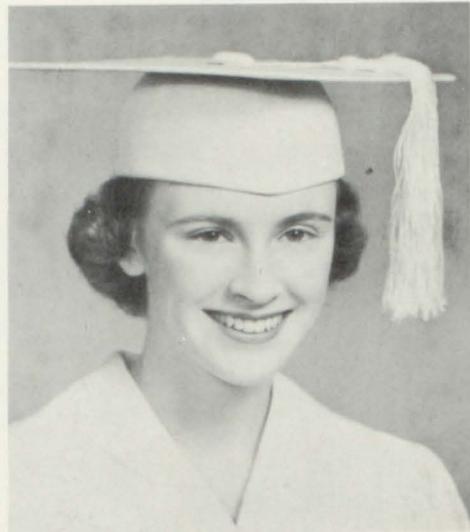
VAL MARIE NECTOUX — 5 years

Candidate Sodality '53; Choir '54;
RKL '53-'56; Marching Squad '56.





DIANNE NOREEN O'MARA—
3½ years
Sodality '56; Choir '56; Centennial Choir
'56; Outstanding Citizen '55; Snow
Carnival Court '55



MARGARET LEBLANC PHELPS—

11 years

Class Offices: President '53, Vice-president '55; Sodality '53-'56; Catholic Truth Committee Chairman '55, Moderator '56; Student Council '55; Debate '53; Journalism '54-'56; Flamette Editor '56, Vignettes '56; Vincentian '55-'56; Editor '56; Pageant '53-'56; Pelican Girls' State: District Judge; NHS '55-'56; St. John's Homecoming Court '55; Centennial Choir '56; Marching Squad Co-captain '56

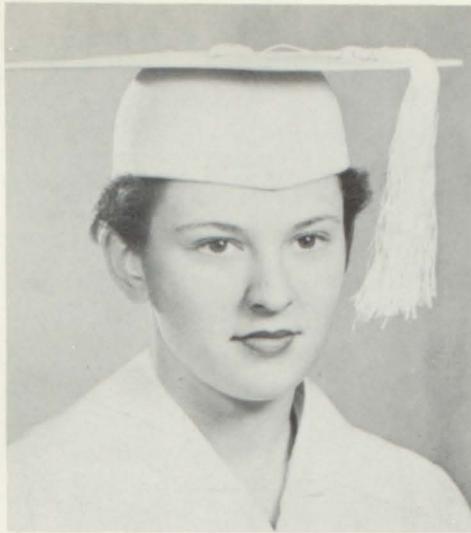


CHARLENE PARISY—13 years
Choir '53, '55, '56; Red Cross '53, '56;
Pageant '53-'56; Outstanding Service
Award '56; Centennial Choir '56

VERONICA PORTEOUS—6 years

Class Offices: Secretary '53, '56, Counsellor '55; Sodality '53-'56; Our Lady's Committee Chairman '55, Moderator '56; Student Council '56; Debate '53-'55; Second Place State '55, Debate Club Vice-president '54, '55; Journalism '56; Flammette staff '56; Vincentian '55-'56; Copy Editor '56; Pelican Girls' State: Mayor; Declamation '54; St. John's Homecoming Court '54-'56; Queen; Marching Squad Captain '56; NHS '56; Pageant '56; Centennial Choir '56





CECILIA ROACH — 5 years

Sodality '54-'56; Secretary '56; Moderator '56; Journalism '54-'56; Flammette Circulation Manager '54-'55, Business Manager '56; Outstanding Journalist '55; RKL '54-'56; Vice-president '56, LTLA '54; Vincentian '54-'56; Business Manager '55-'56; Pageant '54-'56; Centennial Choir '56; SSCA '55; Pelican Girls' State: City Attorney; NHS '56; Marching Squad '56.



TELVA MARIA ROBELO — 2 years

Boarding School Vice-president '56; Basketball '55-'56; Baseball '55; Choir '56; Pageant '55-'56; Centennial Choir '56; National Federation of Piano Playing Auditions '55; Sodality '56.



MARIA ELSA SALINAS — 2 years
Sodality '56; Choir '56; Red Cross '56;
Pageant '55-'56; Centennial Choir '56.



MARTHA ANN SILBER — 4 years

RKL '55-'56; Centennial Choir '56;
Sparklet '56.



ESTHER RUTH STOKELY — 6 years

Sodality Candidate '53; Choir '53, '54, '56; Journalism '55; Centennial Choir '56; Flammette Christmas Poetry Contest '54: First Place; CD of A Poetry Contest: Honorable Mention '53, First Place '55; CBEA Convention '55: Third Place in Typing.



GAIL ELAINE SWOR — 3 years

Softball '54; Debate '54; St. John's Homecoming Court '56.

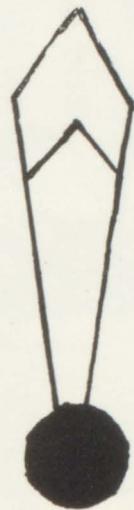


JANET TURGEON — 7 years
Class Offices: Counsellor '53, Secretary '54; Sodality '53-'56; Secretary '55, Prefect '56; Student Council '56; Debate '53-'56; Secretary '55, Recording Secretary '56; RKL '53-'56; Secretary '56; Vincentian Staff '55; Centennial Choir '56; Pelican Girls' State Alternate; Declamation '53; NHS '55-'56; SSCA Delegate '54; NCYC Delegate '56; Outstanding Citizen '55; Co-editor of Queen's Work '55; Voice of Democracy '56; Prefect of Diocesan Sodality '56.

MISS GAIL RAMBIN

Postulant
Daughters of the Cross

How Time flies



Because they have imparted to us the qualities and principles of Christian Women during our twelve years under their guidance, we, the Graduates of 1956, in the loving gratitude, dedicate ourselves to the task of living up to the ideals of the Daughters of the Cross.



Juniors



OFFICERS

President Patsy Moran
Vice-President Nelwyn Leone
Secretary Mary Agnes Sava
Treasurer Marie Maranto

COLORS

Red and Gold

PATRON

Holy Ghost

FLOWER

Talisman Rose

MOTTO

Love Is Eternal

Connie Alford



Lucy Anderson

Margaret Anderson

Miriam Ane



Frances Bustillo

Joan Candella

Judy Bob Carson



Virginia Catanese

Rosie Cimino

Sylvia Cloutier



Rosemary Crofton

Marilyn DeFatta

Sammie Fay DiFulco



Sonia Duque Estrada

Julia Ethridge

Mary Margaret Farmer



Kay Foster

Kitty Gauthier



Diane Hendricks

Marie Hornot

Paula Kendall



Nelwyn Leone

Peggy Linxwiler

Marie Maranto



Jeanne Marie Marsh

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Rosemary Pasquier

Becky Portales

Pat Putch



Rose Theresa Rinaudo

Magda Robelo



Myrna Robleto

Cecille Roy

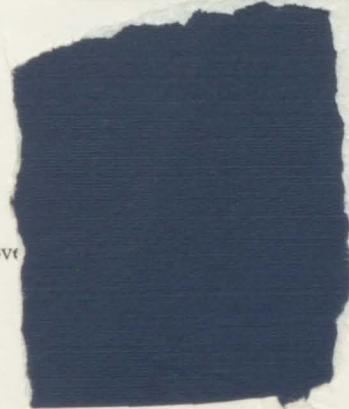
Mary Agness Sava



Paulette Sisson

Mary Ann Stephens

Frances Tynan



Mildred Van Veckhove

Kathleen Welsh

Jill Young

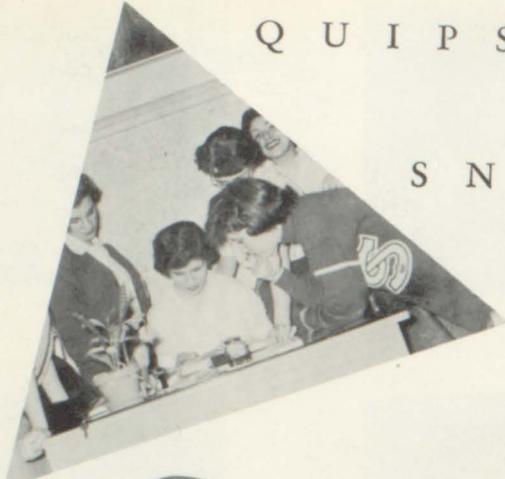


Maxine Zern

QUIPS

SNAPS

AND
JUNIORS



The vicious circle



An altar
to her . . .



The best
Rome had
to offer



1-2-3-unh!



The
(h)our
is at
finger
(hand)



"Rome was never
like this!"



"Charlie Me Boy"

Sophomores



OFFICERS

President	Susan McKean
Vice-president	Helen Reagor
Secretary	Marie Goebel
Treasurer	Peggy Phillips

COLORS

Green and Gold

PATRONESS

Our Lady of Hope

MOTTO

Love Serves

FLOWER

Magnolia

Deyanira Arana



Kay Blanchard



Rose Marie Brossette



Cathy Cody



Marjorie Crofton



Minnie Culotta

Camille Danna

Mary Ann Dees



Angelina DeFatta



Connie Fulco



Rita Findley



Margaret Gabour



Pat Gallagher



Marie Goebel



Sally Herring

Mary Beth Hughes

Dayle Rose John



Margaret Lemley

Betty Lessenger



Pat Letendre



Janelle Mayeux



Susan McKean



Annie Oliver

Peggy Phillips



Margaret Pilinski



Rita Porteous



Peggy Posey



Jonie Poudrier



Charlene Putch



Helen Reagor



Susy Robelo

Ann Robson

Frances Scalco



Betty Schmitt

Frances Stephens



Barbara Strong



Alice Whelan



Mary Elizabeth Young



Elaine Zern

*G ♯ Memories are made of
this*



\$64,000 Question



Sophomore Dance



Christmas Symbolism



Preparations for Senior party

Freshmen



FIRST SEMESTER OFFICERS

President Margaret Gorton
Vice-president Santina Brocato
Secretary Beverly Means
Treasurer Judy Holmes

COLORS

Pink and White

PATRONESS

Saint Ann

FLOWER

Pink Carnation

MOTTO

Love Is Love's Reward

Socorro Aquel



Virginia Balistrella



Jo Ann Blackall

Joan Blanchard



Sylvia Bourgeois

Santina Brocato



Patricia Buchanan

Sandra Calhoun

Lynette Call



Antoinette Candella

Janet Canterbury



Sara Gail Cloutier

Rita Davis

Patricia DeFatta



Patty Dowden



Barbara Dudney



Karen Mae Ede



Mary Alice Edgar

Mary Ann Ferris

Lamarre Foster



Lynn Friedman

Gay Griffith

Mary Goodwillie



Margaret Gorton

Dorothy Hefley

Judy Holmes



Madeline Howard

Rose Marie Howard

LaVelle Hunt



Patricia Lavigne

Phyllis Langridge



Kitty Maceo

Connie Marsiglia

Jeanne Martzell



Joanna Matthews

Margaret McPhee

Beverly Means



Kathy Melancon

Mickey Messmer

Sheila Myers



Angelita Pallais

Laura Jean Ponselle

Evelyn Prudhomme



Frances Rowe



Jo Marie Santone



Jada Sparks



Katherine Spohrer

Carolyn Stentz

Mary Paula Sullivan



Peggy Van Rossum

Susan Van Veckhoven

Linda Gail Warner



Charlene Webb

May Nell Yauger





Ain't she sweet?



Are you here?



We really won!



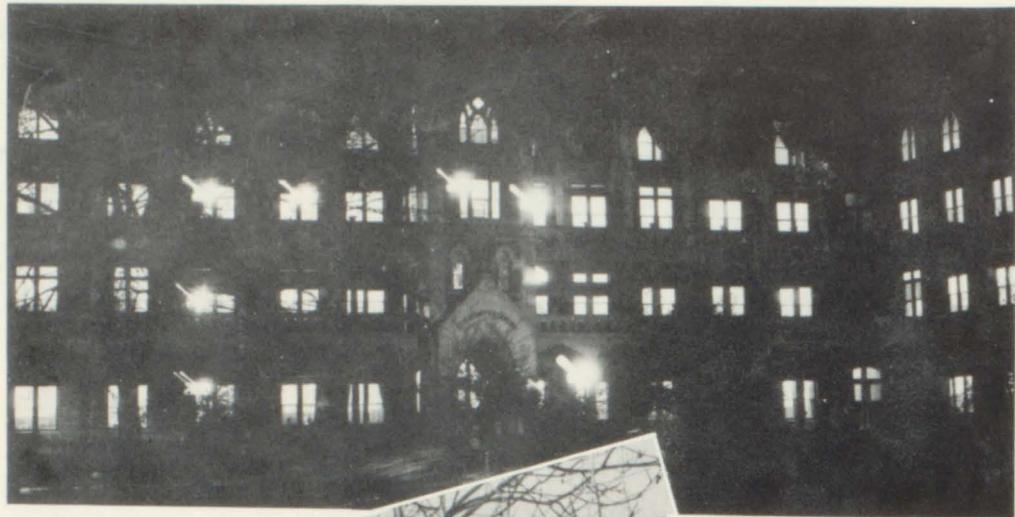
What next?



And we got the rhythm!



Second semester officers: Lynn Friedman, Vice-president; Mary Alice Edgar, President; Beverly Means, Secretary; Sara Gail Cloutier, Treasurer.



Campus Scenes



S O D A L I T Y



The brightest facet in the Reflections of Christian Womanhood is that of spirituality. The Sodality, by means of sanctification of self and others, integrates spirituality into the lives of its members. It holds before them the Immaculate Model, Mary, and her Divine Son, ever encouraging a life of perfect imitation.



Cecilia
Roach
Secretary



Janet
Turgeon,
Prefect



Paula
Martin,
Vice-prefect



Frances
Tynan,
Treasurer

Officers



Loretta
Caplis,
Moderator



Donna Jones,
Moderator



Theresa
Landers,
Moderator



Nelwyn
Leone,
Moderator



Patsy
Nackley,
Moderator



Veronica
Porteous,
Moderator



Margaret
Phelps,
Moderator



Sr. Helen Marie,
Faculty
Moderator



A vital and integral part of life at St. Vincent's is the Sodality. More than just an organization, it is a way of life; but as an active association it aims at fostering in its members an ardent devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. With sanctification of self, sanctification of others, and defense of the Church as the three-fold end and purpose, the Sodality strives at bringing the whole world to "Jesus through Mary."

The Sodality is not a pious union, nor a confraternity, nor a social club; it is an organization with the main task of forming lay apostles who will apply the fruits of their formation to the work of the church. In seeking its members, the Sodality of Our Lady seeks quality, not quantity.

The duties of the Sodalists are to attend with interest the scheduled meetings and to live in accordance with the rules. Spiritually, a Sodalist must use every means in the rules (daily Mass if possible, rosary, meditation) to draw herself closer to Our Lady. A Sodalist must also be an active Christian in the world devoting her time and energy to helping others.

Sodalists who live by the rules are one of the greatest forces in the world today for destroying unchristian principles and restoring Christ to His rightful position through His Blessed Mother, Mary.



Fr. Courtney and Sodalists gather after the retreat.



Keeping posted on Sodality news.



Off to NCCY Convention



Honored by the presence of Mgr. DeBlanc.



D S C



Diocesan Sodality
Officers:

Co-prefects:
Janet Turgeon, St. Vincent's
George Guillot, St. John's

Secretary:
Dorothy Harris, Providence

Treasurer:
James Cruse, Menard

Sodalists provide
entertainment.



Students and clerics
the Divine Liturgy.

A C T I V I T I E S



This is the workshop of the leader, an integral part of Christian womanhood. At St. Vincent's, girls gather in general convocations, discussion clubs, speech and journalistic organizations, athletic associations, and honor societies to better themselves and those about them in the love of God. The vital need of Christian leaders serves as their challenge.



Santina Brocato, Susan McKean, Patsy Nackley, Margaret Gorton, Theresa Landers, Sister Cornelia, Janet Turgeon, Helen Reagor, Donna Jones, Nelwyn Leone, Paula Martin, Patsy Moran. Not pictured is Veronica Porteous.

Student Council

The Student Council serves as the sounding board of the student body and acts as a bridge between the students and the faculty. Under the moderation of Sister Cornelia, this group is composed of the Senior class officers (of whom the president is Council Chairman), the Sodality prefect and vice-prefect, and the presidents and vice-presidents of the other classes.

Weekly these class leaders gather to discuss school problems, to institute various projects which further class cooperation, and to work toward the general aims of school unity.

S.C. Activities



Happy Birthday
George!



Mystician board



Meeting the students



Outstanding Citizens

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Officers: Frances Tynan, President; Paula Martin, Vice-president; Janet Turgen, Rose Theresa Rinaudo, Secretaries; Paula Kendall, Treasurer (not pictured)



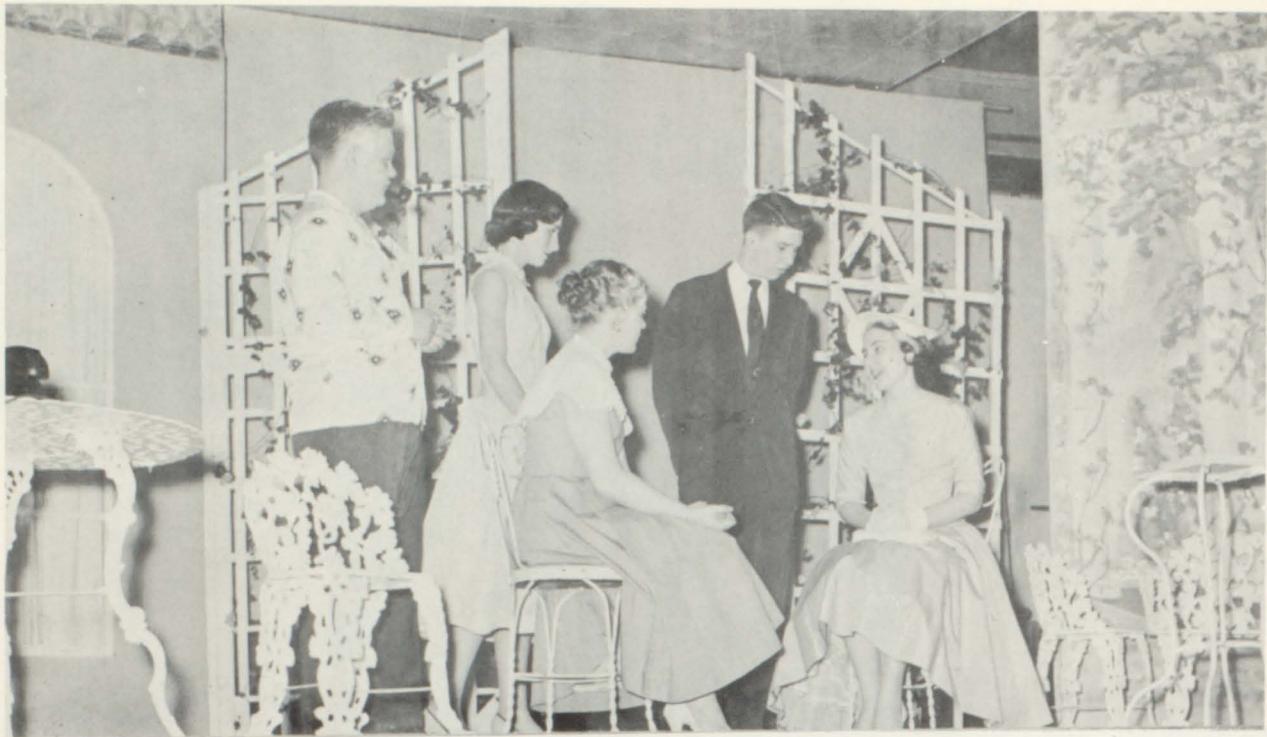
Tournament bound

1956 found the St. Vincents' society participating actively in tournaments at Southwestern, S.L.L., Northwestern and Tech.

Debate provides an excellent foundation for the command of logic and poise. Students are trained in the science of correct thinking and the effective presentation of their ideas.



Freshman debater



Scenes from Debate production
YOUNG APRIL



Produced with the cooperation
of the members of St. John's
Forenthespic Society.



Choir

The Choir of sixty voices under the direction of Sr. Rose Marie is an integral part of St. Vincent's. This year was devoted especially to the study of Church music.

Highlights for the 1956 "Chorus Angelorum" were the Centennial Mass and the Christmas pageant. Adorned in white robes and gold stoles, the choir lent itself to these and other functions.

The St. Vincent's choir is proudly claimed as one of the most outstanding High School choirs in the South.



CHOIR ACTIVITIES
FOR
1956



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
SODALITY CONVENTION

N.S.C. CONVLNTION

PROGRAM FOR MOTHERS' CLUB

BACCALAUREATE MASS

GRADUATION



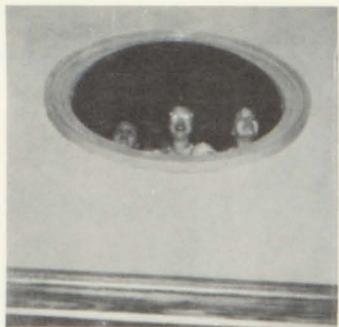
flammette



An apple for teacher,
A dime for Flammette!



Profit for the paper!



FLAMMETTE STAFF

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Flammette greeted the student body with double publication in the year of 1956. The printed pages were a cheerful change from the papers of the past.

Cake sales, apple polishing days and prayers have been the means that the staff has had to take in order to assure their school paper's appearance.

The admiration and appreciation which the staff has received from the students has made the sacrificing of their time and energy to further Christian Ideals worthwhile.

On their return to school in September, the journalists were greeted by a new press room which had been renovated to provide more space for the hard-working class.



R K L



To Read Know, and Love Good Books is the aim of this service organization. Through weekly meetings and actual work in the library each member strives to broaden her literary outlook and to open for herself new horizons of study.

Under the direction of Sister Agnes Ruth, RKL members become familiar with the library and learn to serve fellow students and their needs.



Red Cross

President Kay Foster
Secretary-Treasurer Ann Robson
Moderator C. Daly

This universal organization is a practical means of projecting the spirit of brotherhood into the hearts of men throughout the world.

The chapter at St. Vincent's forms a distinct bond between the students and those to whom they administer.

Various projects undertaken throughout the year prove the members to be a hard working group whose kindness is never lacking. Charitable works performed for the ill and needy are the main objectives of the Red Cross.





Vincentian

This year the Vincentian has tried as far as possible to present a true picture of life at St. Vincent's. In depicting the various classes, activities, and features, the staff has brought you Reflections of Christian Womanhood.



The editors and Sr. Laurentia O.K.
the final copy for mailing.

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	B. Schmitt, H. Reagor



The music department of St. Vincent's provides an excellent means of training in music and its theory.



Music Department



All those notoes?

Stop stalling!



Bach never had it so good!



N H S



The National Honor Society is the highest honor that a student can receive during her school life. Its purpose is to develop Service, Scholarship, Leadership, and Character among the student body.

By the giving of herself in outstanding service to the school, by maintaining at least a 85 percent average in each subject, by exhibiting the qualities of leadership, and by possessing an excellent character, a girl is eligible for membership in the National Honor Society.



P. Nackley, C. Roach, K. Foster, V. Porteous, M. A. Sava, M. Phelps, P. Martin, J. Turgeon.



Quill & Scroll

"Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make ye free."

Guided by this motto, the members of Quill and Scroll strive to promote through the field of journalism clear and forceful thinking.

To be eligible for membership, one must be in the upper third of her class in general scholastic standing and must have done superior work in some phase of journalistic or creative endeavor.

V. Porteous, M. Phelps, C. Roach

Outstanding Journalists

These students have been chosen on the basis of their contribution to both the Flammette and the Vincentian at St. Vincent's. They have proved themselves to be conscientious workers by devoting much of their time and energy to these two journalistic projects.

F. Lachle, T. Landers,
D. Jones, P. Nackley





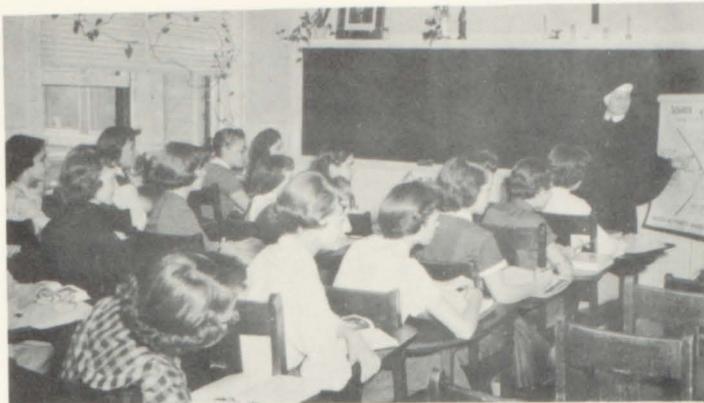
Ann DeFatta, Judy Dozier, Magda Robelo, Margaret Gabour, Elaine Zern, Maxine Zern, Connie Alford, Rosemary Crofton, Janet Canterbury, Jean Ponselle, Miss Anne Phillips and Telva Robelo.

Athletics

Providing the necessary development for the body, athletics also teaches the art of Christian acceptance of both victory and defeat.

The St. Vincent's "Saints" devote much of their time to the perfecting of themselves as accurate basketball players and at the same time, increasing a true spirit of sportsmanship.





Government and its sources explained in Civics



Typical American History Class



Sister Miriam, Civics instructor, instilling good citizenship into students



World History class combs the earth for undiscovered land with Sr. Agnes Ruth.

Class

Activities

Here we shall go a bit deeper into the individual class activities to see just how the true and finished woman of character is produced.

In the field of social studies, the St. Vincent's student becomes acquainted with the history and government of her own country and those of other peoples throughout the world.



Mathematics can well be acclaimed as the basis of sounding thinking and logic. It enables one to reason in both ordinary daily problems and those of a more complicated nature.

The Business Education Department consisting of shorthand, typing, and business math, plays an important part in the education at St. Vincent's. Christian principles as well as technical knowledge are stressed in these courses.

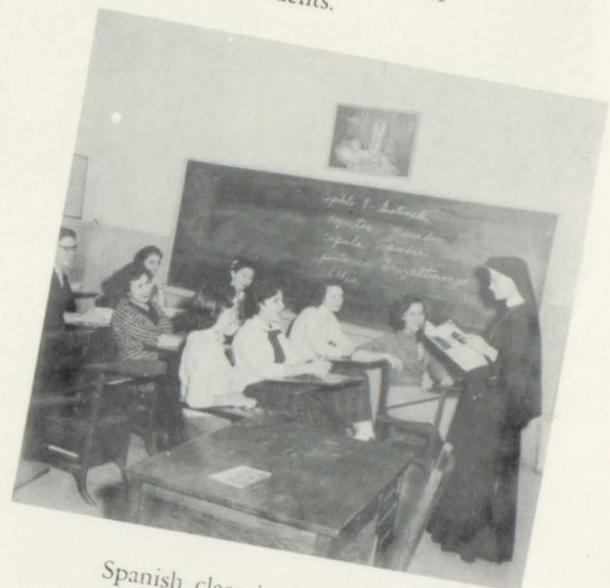




Sr. Helen Marie, Latin, and the
first year students.

In studying the romance languages, a student shares more completely in the benefits of universal culture. The Knowledge of a foreign language and the study of its origin helps one to become more tolerant of other people.

Music, as are languages, is from all times and places. It also creates an understanding which binds together those who realize true music appreciation.



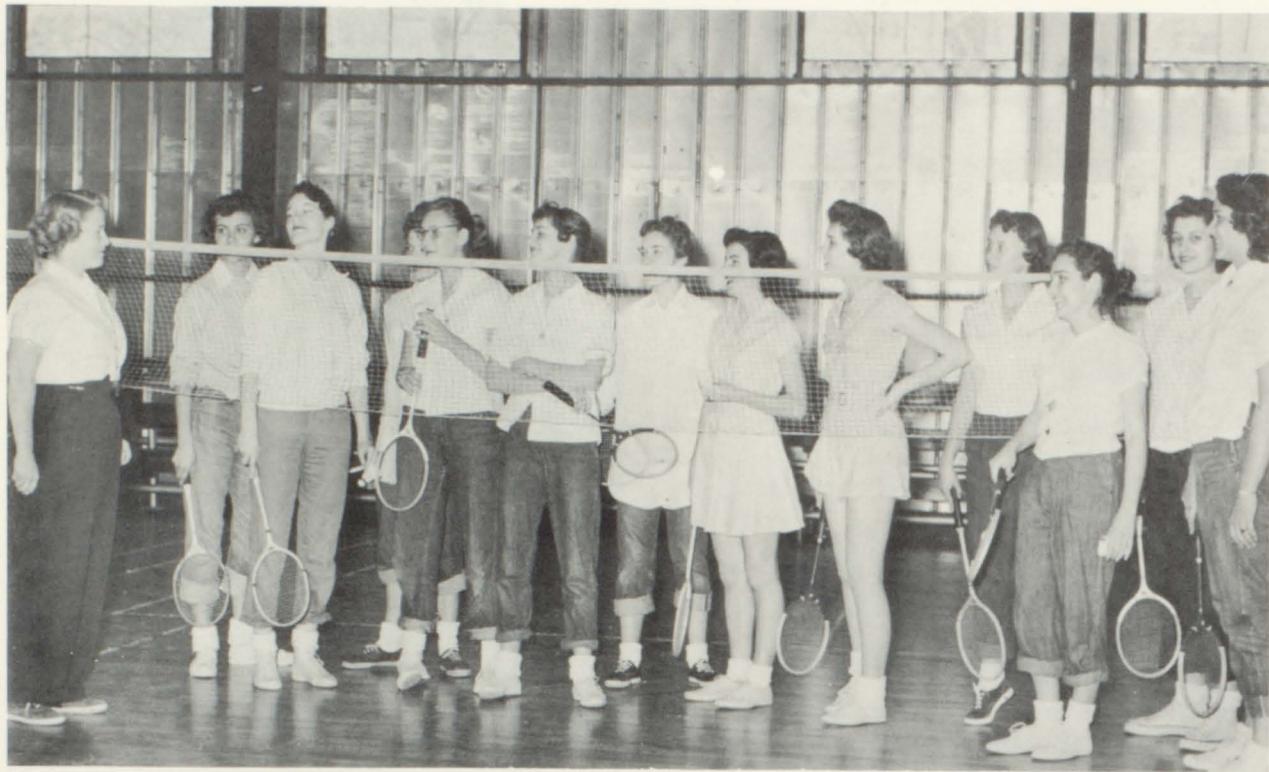
Spanish class in full swing



Sr. Rose Marie and students take
a break to smile for cameraman.



Sr. Mary Ann also teaches the
French culture!



Miss Phillips instructs in one of the many phases of the P. E. course.



Mrs. Uffleman and class review for test.



Learning to care (?) for the patient.

The useful course of home nursing was added to the SVA curriculum this past year. The course supplied adequate knowledge so that the student might be of help at home when there is sickness.

Honor, sportsmanship, and self-control are acquired through the physical education program. These characteristics are as necessary as is the development of the body.



Miss Daly and "chemists" start the day off with a boom!!



The field of domestic science is sound preparation for the future life of a Christian homemaker, for it presents to her the art of being a good wife and mother.



The great outdoors provides the classroom for Sister Dorothea and her biology students.

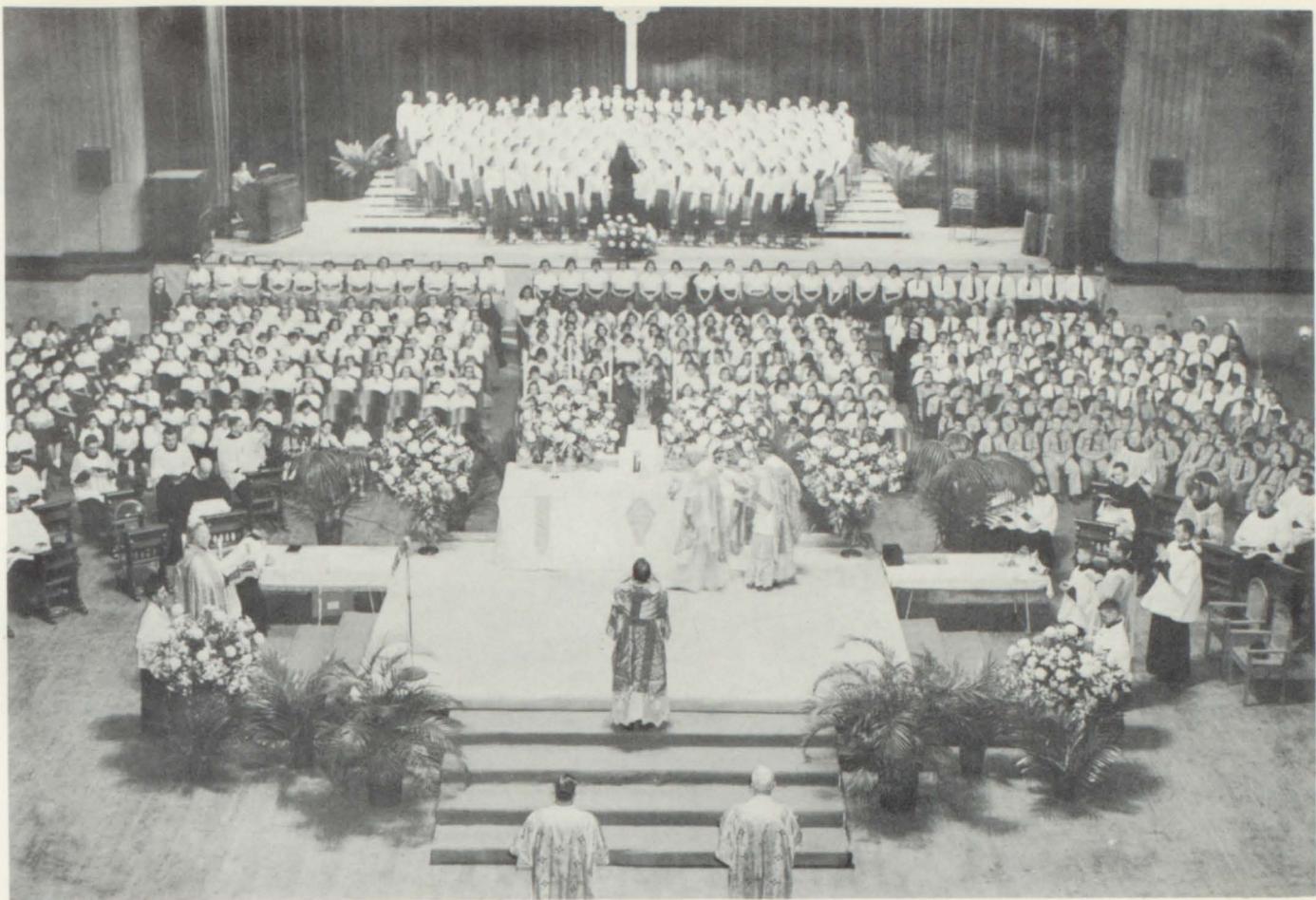
The general sciences open wide vistas to a student who seeks the explanation of life's mysterious depth. Through these studies she sees God reflected in utmost beauty, and, as in the domestic sciences, is drawn closer to Him.

Whether it be through the analysis of a test tube or through the admiration of leaf in the sunshine, girls are constantly reminded of God's omnipresence.

F E A T U R E S



Here is the final reflection that complements mind-challenging classes and rigorous activities and mirrors the perfect Christian woman. These are the highlights of the social St. Vincent's year. These are the leisure moments spent at St. Vincent's by students seeking a complete Christian education.



Solemn Pontifical High Mass climaxed Centennial Celebration.

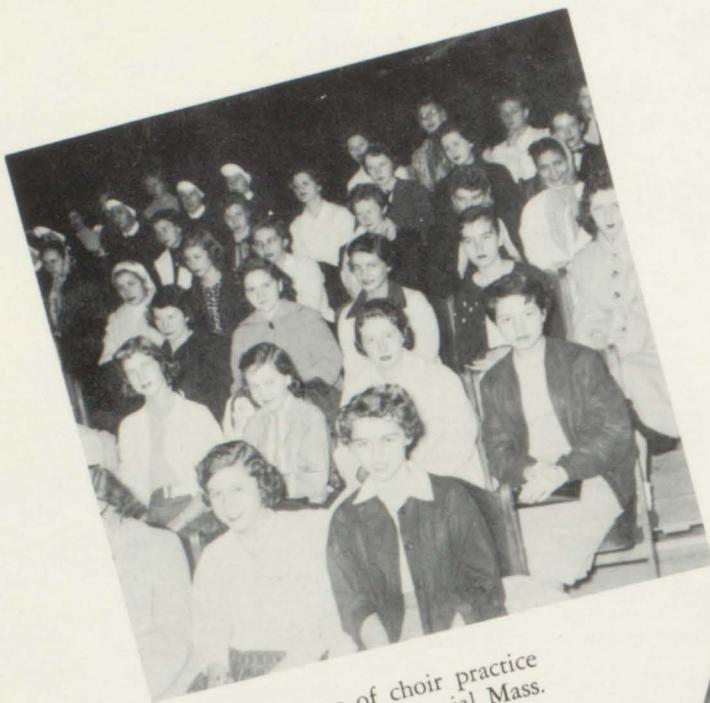
Centennial Celebration

The daughters of the Cross celebrated their 100th anniversary of missionary and educational work in Louisiana, November 9-10, 1955.

The Bishop of Alexandria officiated at the Mass.

The choir was composed of all the schools of the city conducted by the Daughters of the Cross.

A great number of friends and benefactors participated in the celebration.

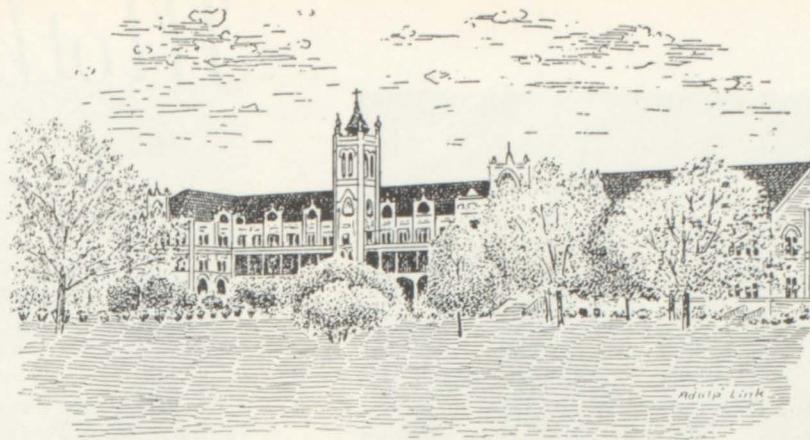


Long hours of choir practice
precede the Centennial Mass.



Bishop Greco and Mother
Clarissa converse at
Centennial luncheon.

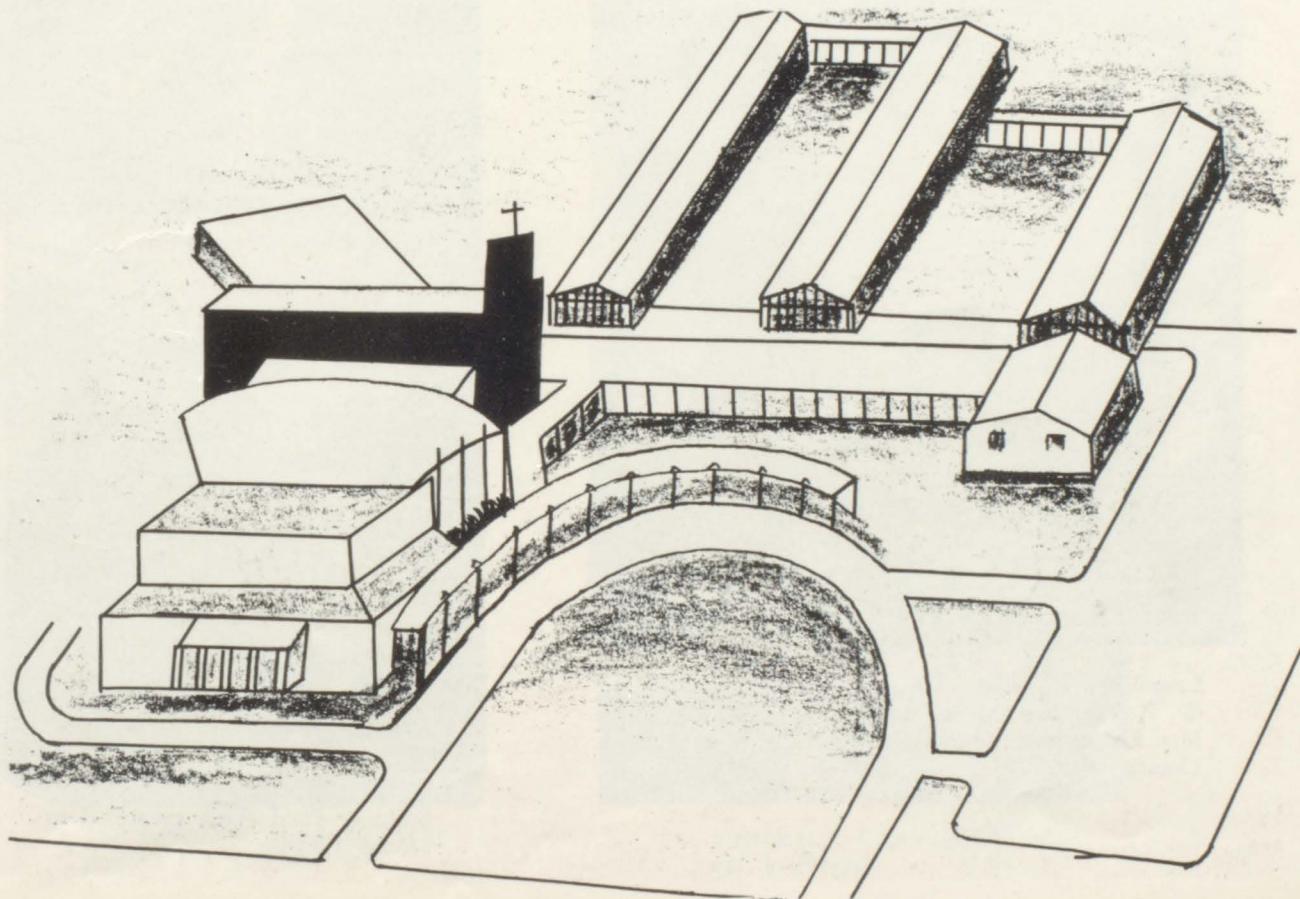




Here our Daughters of the Cross have labored untiringly, endeavoring to reproduce in the young women under their direction a reflection of the Model Christian Womanhood.

Now we must live up to these ideals!

Are we as young Christian women convinced of the need of Catholic Education in our surroundings to the extent that we are willing and generous enough to do something about it in a substantial way? The demands can be met spiritually or materially. How are we going to help make the tremendous needs of Catholic Education of Youth a reality?



Mothers' Club



President, Mrs. A. J. Turgeon; 1st. vice-president, Mrs. I. H. Farmer; 2nd. vice-president, Mrs. A. P. Whelan; treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Yauger; recording secretary, Mrs. J. Caplis; corresponding secretary, Mrs. P. Schexnайдre.



Committee chairmen: Mrs. J. J. Campbell Mrs. C. W. Holmes, Mrs. M. Balistrella, Mrs. A. P. Whelan, Mrs. G. Shepherd, Mrs. W. P. Martin, Mrs. H. G. Llorens.

Life at St. Vincent's is made not only better but also easier by an organization which is known as the "Mothers' Club." The chief purposes of this club are to foster better relations between the faculty members and parents, and to give material help to the students and school. Such aims are achieved by joint meetings attended by mothers, fathers, and teachers for various fund raising activities.

The first large project of the year was the annual bazaar which was held December 1. Proceeds from the various booths and sales were joined with those from the annual St. Patrick's tag day to boost the treasury for the needed expenses.



Building Fund check presented to Mother Clarissa.

Pelican State



Mayor V. Porteous discusses a civic project with City Council.



City Attorney, Cecilia Roach, enters her office.



The Honorable Margaret Phelps presides over District Court.

Pelican Girls' State brings together each August outstanding high school students from all over Louisiana. This great convocation of over four hundred girls teaches the duties, privileges, and responsibilities of American citizens, and helps each attending to realize her part in the world of tomorrow.

Based on the state constitution, Girls' State operates first of all on a city level, then advances to parish status, and finally climaxes with the election and proclamation of state officers.

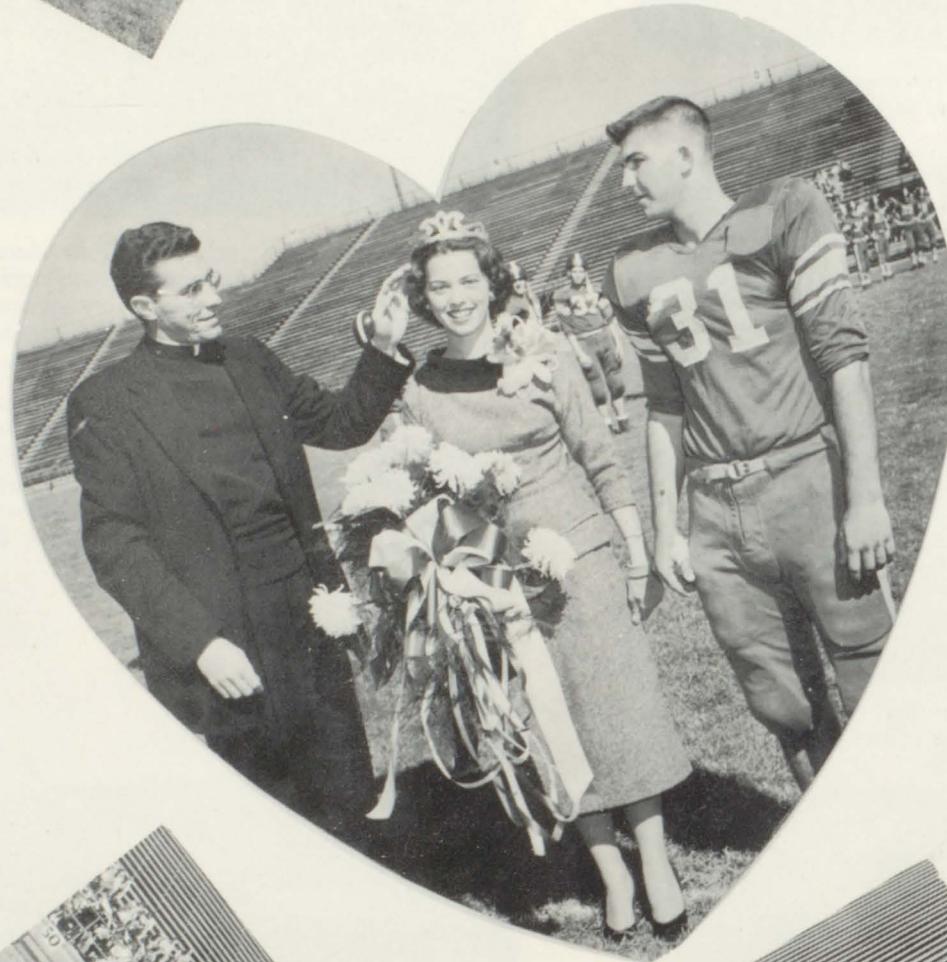
The whole program is conducted largely by the girls, and the campaigning appears to be conducted by professionals, although it is done strictly by the girls themselves.

Cooperation is the greatest lesson learned during the seven days on the L. S. U. campus and good sportsmanship runs a close second. Friendliness becomes a part of a Pelican Stater, a smile constantly crossing her tired, but happy face.

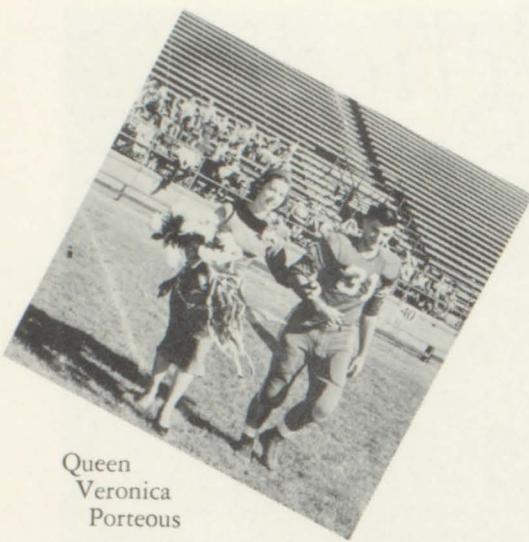


Alternates L. Caplis, P. Martin, and J. Turgeon

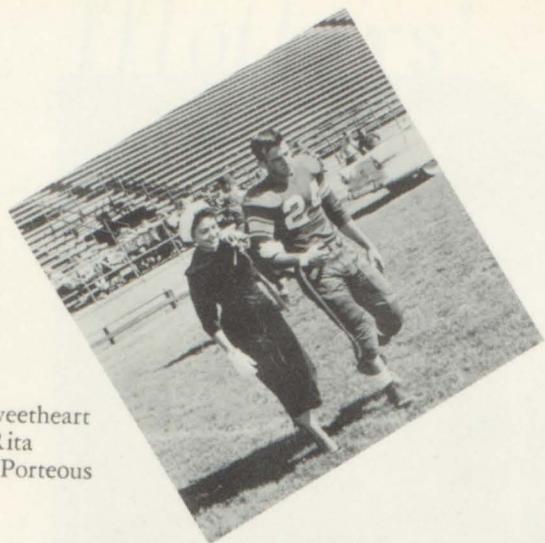
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Christmas Pageant

An important reminder of the Christmas spirit is the annual pageant sponsored by the Sodality.

Seeking to impart the true meaning of the Christ Child's coming to all who attend, this play through its beauty and lesson, is eagerly looked forward to by both the student body and parents.

Proceeds from the pageant are sent to the Bishop for the orphans of the diocese and are also used to finance Sodality delegates when they attend the Summer School of Catholic Action.



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St. Vincent's boarding school took on a new phase in 1956 when the boarders formed their own club.

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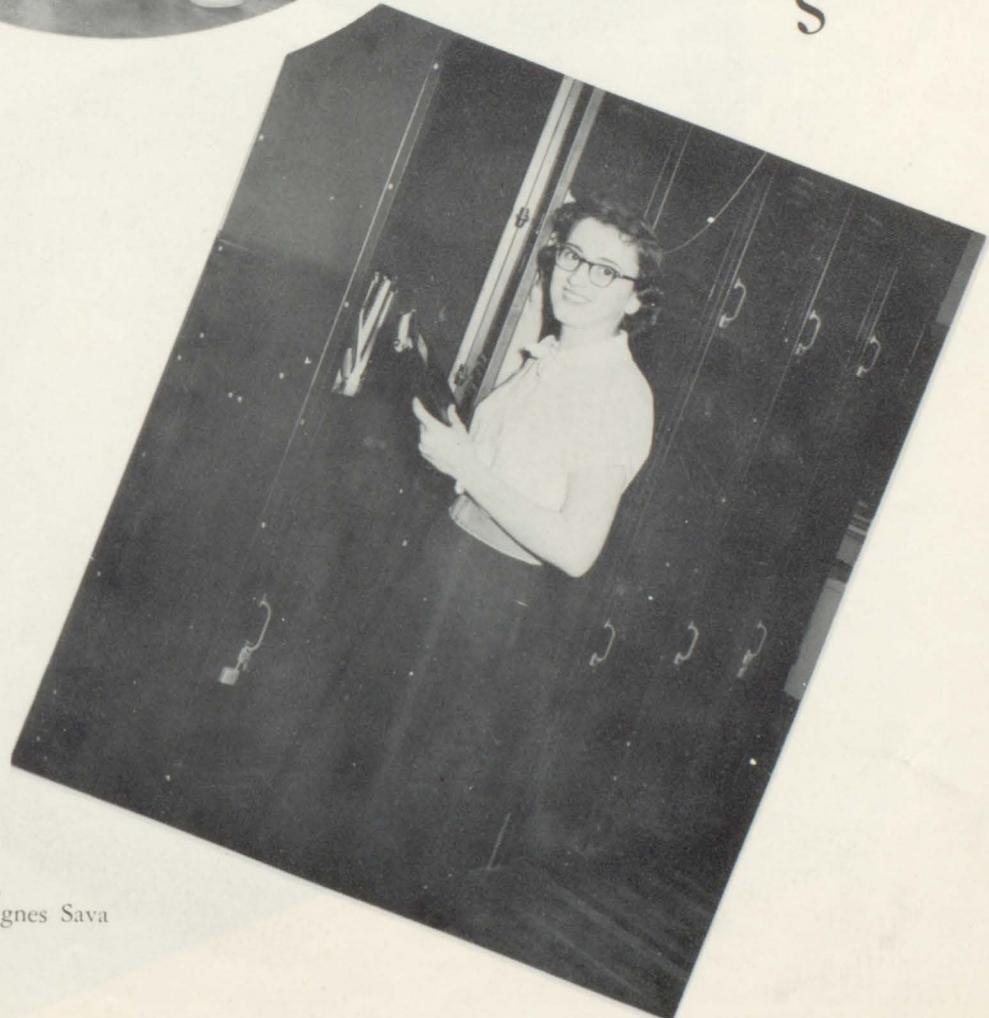
The sisters in charge of boarding school encourage the girls to thorough scholarship and to a gracious social life, to development of many interests, and to a combination of these with an intelligent, and ardent spirituality and the courage to live by it.



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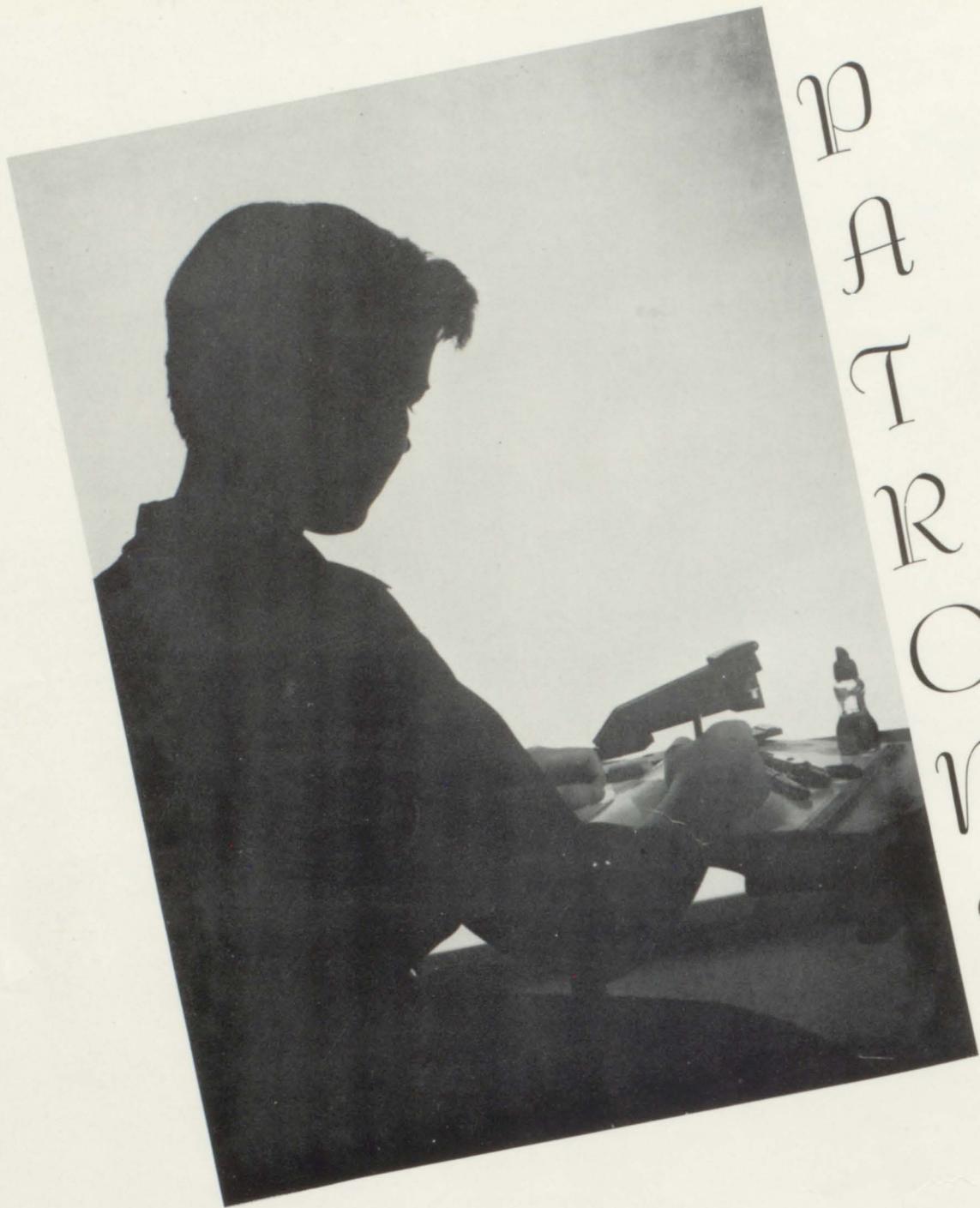


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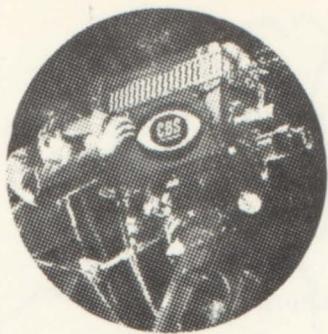
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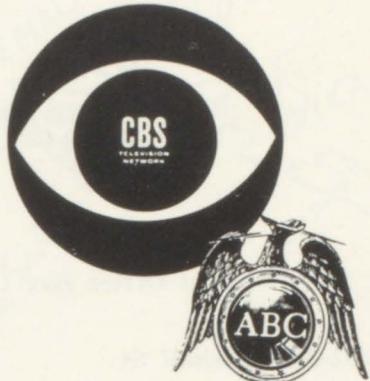


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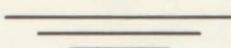
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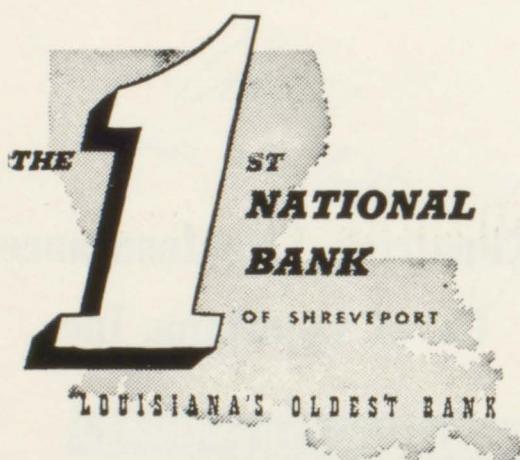
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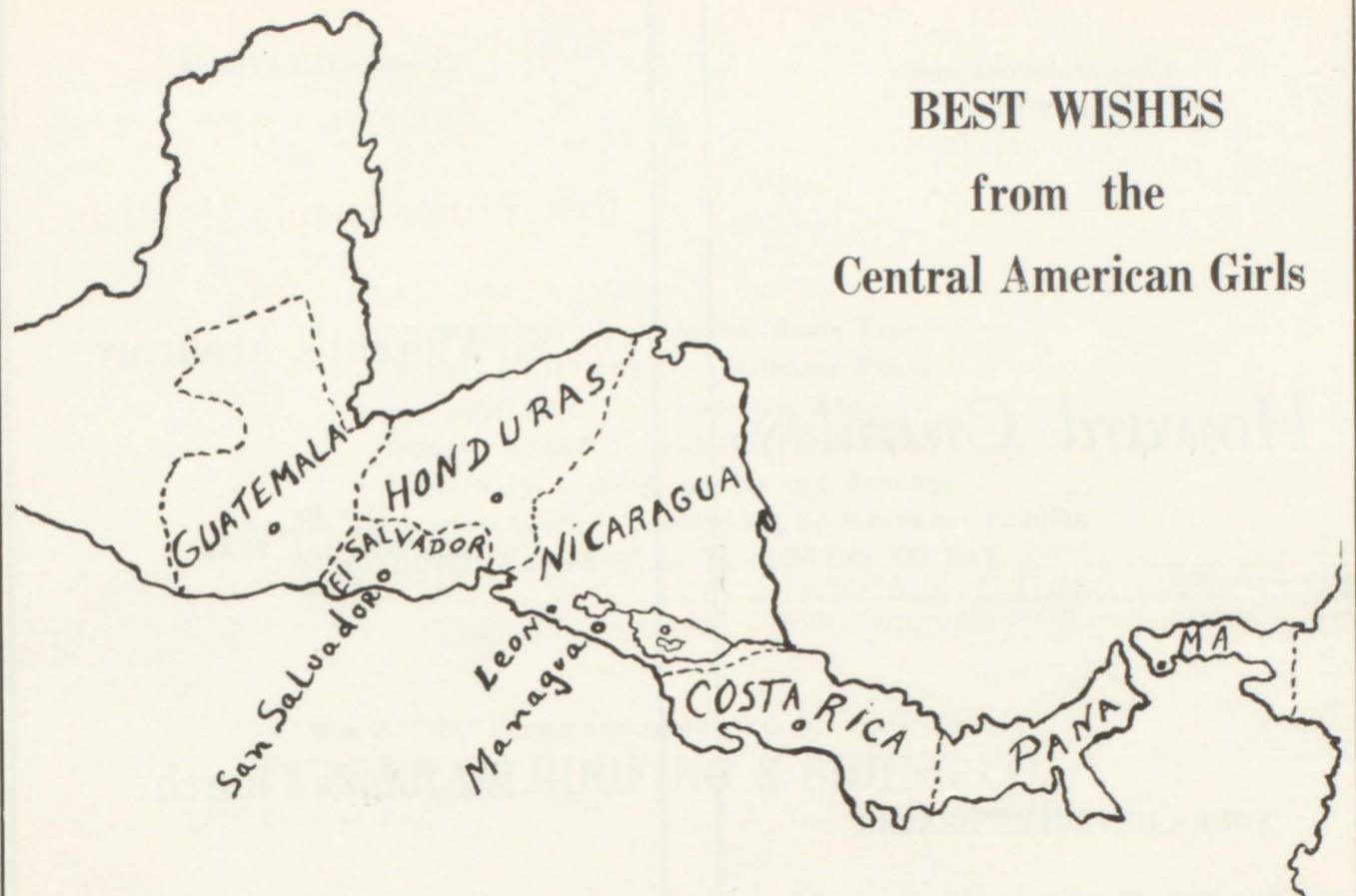
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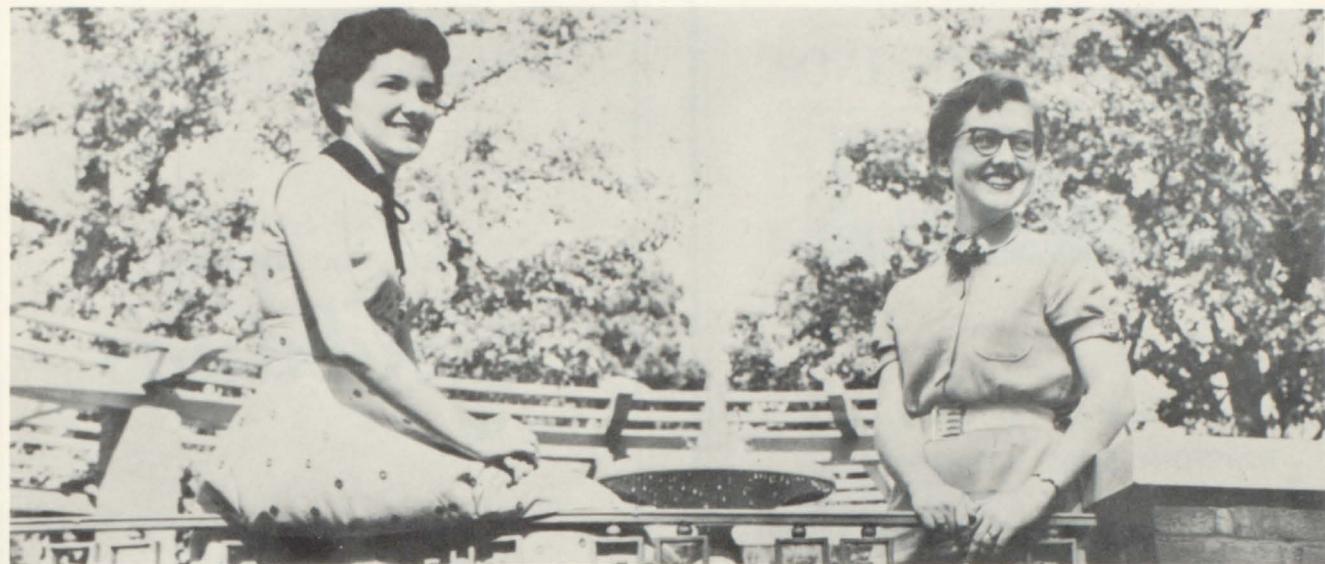
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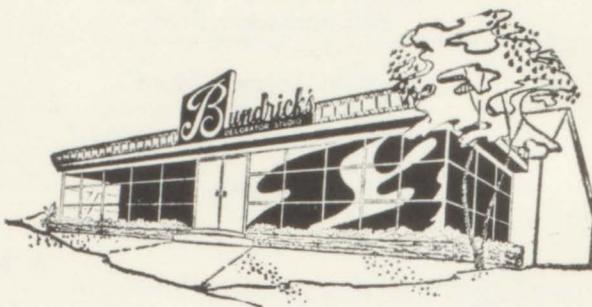
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